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C O N F I D E N M W T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 5369

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF DANIEL L. HOROWITZ, US REP ON ILO

REF: (A) STATE 228429, (B) KUA LUMPUR 5224 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT OF HOROWITZ. FOREIGN MINISTER RITHAUDDEEN WILL BE IN NEW YORK FOR UNGA DURING PROPOSED OCT 6-7 HOROWITZ STOP IN KUALA LUMPUR. HOWEVER, MINISTRY OF LABOR INFORMS US THAT LABOR MINISTER LEE SAN CHOON EXPECTS TO BE IN KUALA LUMPUR AT THAT TIME. LEE WAS GOM REP AT LAST ILO MEETING IN JUNE AND IS MOST IMPORTANT
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INDIVIDUAL IN GOM FOR LABOR, INCLUDING ILO, MATTERS. THEREFORE,

EVEN THOUGH FOREIGN MINISTER WILL NOT BE HERE, HOROWITZ VISIT WOULD BE USEFUL. WE SHOULD POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT PRO-ARAB STANCE OF MALAYSIA, WHOSE STATE RELIGION IS ISLAM, MEANS THAT USG WILL NOT GET A PARTICULARLY SYMPATHETIC HEARING IN KUALA LUMPUR ON ILO ISSUES RELATED TO ISRAEL AND A RELATIVE MODERATE IN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, HOWEVER, MALAYSIA MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO HELP US ON TRIPARTISM AND "DOUBLE STANDARD" ISSUES.

2. IN REF B WE INVITED JAKARTA LABOR ATTACHE SANDMAN TO MAKE FIRST REGIONAL LABOR VISIT TO KUALA LUMPUR AND SINGAPORE AT ABOUT THE TIME OF HOROWITZ' PROJECTED VISIT. SANDMAN MIGHT WANT TO COMBINE HIS VISIT WITH HOROWITZ STOPS IN K.L., SINGAPORE AND JAKARTA, PERHAPS FLYING TO SINGAPORE ON MONDAY, OCT 4, TO K.L. ON TUESDAY, OCT 5, WITH HOROWITZ TO SINGAPORE ON THURSDAY, OCT 7, AND WITH HOROWITZ TO JAKARTA

ON SATURDAY, OCT 9. THIS SCHEDULE WOULD ALLOW SANDMAN TO TAKE OPPORTUNITY OF HOROWITZ VISIT TO MEET WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT LABOR OFFICIALS IN K.L. AND SINGAPORE AND HAVE SUFFICIENT ADDITIONAL TIME TO MEET WITH UNION LEADERS.
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